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SUBJECT: U.S. CUSTOMS CCINC SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM FOR  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOROCCAN CUSTOMS - BENSALEM SMILI

CUSTOMS FOR INT. OPS. DIV. ATTN. F. POTTER JR., SECSTATE  
FOR S/NM, PARIS FOR DEA FROM HIGDON.

REF: CUSTOMS 7729 DTG: 031940Z DEC 76

1. IN CONFERRING WITH DIR. GENERAL SMILI THIS AM (12/6/76)  
DEA SAIC HIGDON WAS INFORMED THAT SMILI PLANS TO BE ACCOMPANIED  
ON SUBJECT PROGRAM BY HIS SUB-DIRECTOR MR. HAMMAD HOKIMI-JAI.  
THIS IS A LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENT FOR WHICH SMILI HAS ALREADY  
RECEIVED MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVAL. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY  
REGRETS LAST MINUTE NOTICE, HOKIMI-JAI CONSIDERED  
BY EMBASSY TO BE WELCOME AND VALUABLE ADDITION TO PROGRAM  
AS HE IS IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING ALL CUSTOMS PLANNING AND  
EVALUATION STUDIES, AS WELL AS DESIGNING LEGISLATION WHICH  
EFFECTS CUSTOMS OVER-ALL LEGAL AUTHORITY. HE IS ALSO RES-  
PONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES FOR  
CUSTOMS DAY TO DAY OPERATION.

2. SMILI INDICATED THAT THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT  
HAS ALREADY AGREED TO PAY ROUND-TRIP FIRST CLASS AIR  
FARE (CASABLANCA-NEW YORK AND RETURN) FOR BOTH HIM AND  
HOKIMI-JAI. THEREFORE, U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE  
ONLY FOR ASSUMING COST OF THEIR INTERIOR U.S.  
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM.

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3. SMILI AND HOKIMI-JAI DEPARTING CASABLANCA 1/7/77 VIA

ROYAL AIR MAROC FLT 202 ARRIVING JFK NEW YORK AT  
13:20 PM. IF POSSIBLE THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN TICKETS FOR  
NY/WASH D.C. FLIGHT AT THAT TIME. THEY ANTICIPATE RE-  
MAINING IN NY WITH FRIENDS UNTIL AFTERNOON OF JAN 9,  
77 WHEN THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WASH DC. REQUEST THAT U.S.  
CUSTOMS MEET THEM UPON ARRIVAL FROM CASABLANCA TO PROVIDE  
THEM WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING CONNECTING FLIGHT TO  
WASH DC. AND ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.

4. EMBASSY WITH CONCURRENCE OF POST COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
REQUESTS THAT MOROCCAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS I.E. DIRECTOR  
GENERAL BENSALEM SMILI AND SUB DIRECTOR HAMMAD HOKIMI-JAI  
BE GIVEN EXCEPTIONAL PER DIEM RATE OF \$45 PER DAY FOR  
PERIOD OF JAN 7 THRU JAN 28, 19779 ABOVE NAMED OCCUPY  
HIGH RANKING POSITIONS IN MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT.

5. NEITHER PARTICIPANT FLUENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE. BOTH  
SPEAK FRENCH AND ARABIC BUT HAVE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED  
FRENCH/ENGLISH INTERPRETOR.

6. BIO DATA FOR ABOVE NAMED TO BE CABLED WEEK OF  
DEC. 12 - 18, 1976.ANDERSON  
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